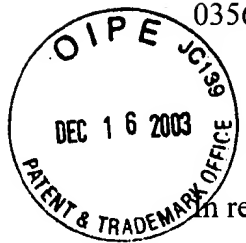


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In re Application of:

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Application No.: 09/358,933

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Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated July 16, 2003 for two months from October 16, 2003 to December 16, 2003.

Submitted herewith is a check for \$420.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

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